

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Budget Meeting #5
Minutes of January 7, 2008**

Selectman Adams opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Also present were Selectman LeClair, Selectman Sanders, Selectman Johnson, Selectman Morse joined the meeting about 6:50p.m., Manager Allard, Finance Director Baroffio, Trustee Hambleton and Library Trustee Hall.

To begin the session the Board reviewed all line item changes to date.

A short discussed ensued regarding the responsibilities for the new hire. A motion was made by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman LeClair to hire one new employee. So moved (4-1-0).

A motion was made by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman LeClair to split the cost for the new employee by dividing the cost between Town General Fund and the Town Highway Fund: 75% (Town) and 25% (Town Highway). So moved (4-0-1)

Selectman Johnson questioned the used of personnel to deliver annual reports. He prefers we continue with former established practices. The Board added \$1,000 for additional printing costs.

Surplus Funds:

Motion made by Selectman Adams to keep a maximum of \$25,000 in a “rainy day fund”; use enough additional surplus funds to level fund taxes and put what is left of surplus (\$64,705) into the CIP for a Police Department building fund. Motion failed without a second.

Motion made by Selectman Sanders to keep a maximum of \$25,000 in the “rainy day fund” and use \$90,710 to reduce taxes, seconded by Selectman Johnson. So moved (3-2-0).

Town Highway Fund:

Motion made by Selectman Johnson to use another \$29,000 additional funds from surplus to level fund the Town Highway tax rate, seconded by Selectman Sanders. So moved (5-0-0).

Motion made by Selectman Sanders to honor Clerk Pombar’s request for an additional \$.50 per hour, seconded by Selectman LeClair. So moved – approval was based on the current Clerk acquiring a certificate to become a “Certified Town Clerk”. So moved (4-1-0).

Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

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